

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2004. Claims 1-11 are pending.

Initially, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm consideration of the IDs filed August 22, 2001, by providing the undersigned with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 corresponding to the same.

Claim 3 stands rejected under Section 112, second paragraph. This Section 112 rejection has been addressed and overcome by the changes to claim 3 herein.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Sanchez in view of Boss. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 requires "c) providing a user with an indication to input the printing job information with characters suitable for the display capability of said printing job information display section when the printing job information is inputted with characters not suitable for the display capability of said printing job information display section, and in response to said indication the user replacing said printing job information manually or automatically inputted in the setting environment with new printing job information having characters suitable for display capability of said printing job information display section." The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this aspect of claim 1, either taken alone or in the alleged combination.

Both Sanchez and Boss fail to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined aspects of claim 1. Thus, even if the two references were combined as alleged in the Office Action (which applicant believes would be incorrect in any event), the invention of claim 1 still would not be met.

Sanchez discloses a workstation (PC) which receives information on current settings and capabilities of a copying machine so that the PC can create a display. The user can select among functions of the copying machine. Boss discloses that when a host's driver does not have a particular feature, the feature may be replaced by an appropriate feature. Thus, both of the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined aspects of claim 1. Thus, even if the two references were combined as alleged in the Office Action (which applicant believes would be incorrect in any event), the invention of claim 1 still would not be met.

Claim 6 defines over the cited art for reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claim 2 also stands rejected under Section 103(a) over Sanchez in view of Boss. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons. First, it is pointed out that Sanchez and Boss are not properly combinable under Section 103. Boss' application sharing technique is not applicable to the copier of Sanchez since Sanchez does not utilize application sharing. Accordingly, the two references would not have been combined by one of ordinary skill in the art as alleged by the Office Action.

Second, still with respect to claim 2, the storing step (b) requires that printing job information suitable to the display capability of the job information display section is stored in accordance with user operation, and step (d) requires that characters beyond the display capability are converted to the stored printing job information. The cited art fails to disclose or suggest this aspect of claim 2. Even if the two references were combined as alleged in the Office Action (which applicant believes would be incorrect for the reasons discussed above), the invention of claim 2 still would not be met for at least this reason.

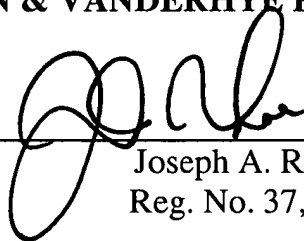
Claim 7 defines over the cited art for reasons similar to those outlined above with respect to claim 2.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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